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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator The Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-141, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-141.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels below the \$3.25 commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of overcollecting its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not decreased to \$2.00 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such overcollection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are a decrease of \$0.12721/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and a decrease of \$0.00221/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in March, 2015.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler Scott M. Tyler

Enclosures

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Office of Regulatory Staff (via email and overnight delivery)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

VERIFICATION

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Kally Couzens, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Senior Regulatory Analyst - Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing documents and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Signed and sworn to before me this day by Kally Couzens

Date: February 13, 2015 Sandra K. Hammond, Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My commission expires: Mugust 4, 2018



Schedule A

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Purchase Gas Adjustment effective March 2015 Docket No. 2006-401-G GCRM -141

th Caro		Current February 2015	PGA Commodity	Proposed March 2015
		Billing Rates	Change	Billing Rate
201	Residential Service - Value			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	0.77973	(0.12721)	0.65
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.73848	(0.12721)	0.61
221	Residential Service - Standard			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00		10
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00		8
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	0.84886	(0.12721)	0.72
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.82551	(0.12721)	0.69
205	Outdoor Gas Light Service			
	Monthly Charge	15.00		1:
202	Small General Service-Standard			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	0.77894	(0.12721)	0.65
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.76067	(0.12721)	0.63
232	Small General Service-Value			
	Monthly Charge	22.00		22
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm			
	First 2,000	0.75805	(0.12721)	0.63
	Over 2,000	0.75002	(0.12721)	0.62
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.71020	(0.10701)	0.50
	First 2,000	0.71830	(0.12721)	0.59
252	Over 2,000	0.70942	(0.12721)	0.58
252	Medium General Service-Standard	75.00		7
	Monthly Charge	75.00	(0.12721)	7:
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	0.72214	(0.12721)	0.59
262	Summer (AprOct.) per therm Medium General Service-Value	0.70497	(0.12721)	0.57
202	Monthly Charge	75.00		7:
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	75.00		/.
	First 5,000	0.69733	(0.12721)	0.57
	Over 5,000	0.68708	(0.12721)	0.57
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.00700	(0.12/21)	0.55
	First 5,000	0.66060	(0.12721)	0.53
	Over 5,000	0.65239	(0.12721)	0.52
242	Small General Service-Motor Fuel	0.03237	(0.12/21)	0.52
	Monthly Charge	22.00		2:
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm	0.72774	(0.12721)	0.60
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm	0.78511	(0.12721)	0.65
	Winter (NovMar.) per GGE*	0.91695	(0.16028)	0.75
	Summer (AprOct.) per GGE*	0.98924	(0.16029)	0.82
203	Large General Sales Service		,	
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250
	Billing Demand per therm	1.03565		1.03
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.58598	(0.12721)	0.45
	Next 15,000	0.51891	(0.12721)	0.39
	Next 75,000	0.47133	(0.12721)	0.34
	Next 165,000	0.41464	(0.12721)	0.28
	Next 330,000	0.35932	(0.12721)	0.23
	Over 600,000	0.33075	(0.12721)	0.20
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.50095	(0.12721)	0.37
	Next 15,000	0.45290	(0.12721)	0.32
	Next 75,000	0.45453	(0.12721)	0.32
	Next 165,000	0.39607	(0.12721)	0.26
	Next 330,000	0.35432	(0.12721)	0.22
	Over 600,000	0.33075	(0.12721)	0.20

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South Card Rate Sched		Current February 2015 Billing Rates	PGA Commodity Change	Proposed March 2015 Billing Rates
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204	Interruptible Sales Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.62229	(0.12721)	0.49508
	Next 15,000	0.54449	(0.12721)	0.41728
	Next 75,000	0.50543	(0.12721)	0.37822
	Next 165,000	0.55418	(0.12721)	0.42697
	Next 330,000	0.40308	(0.12721)	0.27587
	Over 600,000	0.37075	(0.12721)	0.24354
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.49892	(0.12721)	0.37171
	Next 15,000	0.45587	(0.12721)	0.32866
	Next 75,000	0.43334	(0.12721)	0.30613
	Next 165,000	0.42617	(0.12721)	0.29896
	Next 330,000	0.39065	(0.12721)	0.26344
	Over 600,000	0.34075	(0.12721)	0.21354
213	Large General Transportation Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Standby Demand per therm	0.46759		0.46759
	Billing Demand per therm	0.56806		0.56806
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.24298	(0.00221)	0.24077
	Next 15,000	0.17735	(0.00221)	0.17514
	Next 75,000	0.13158	(0.00221)	0.12937
	Next 165,000	0.02440	(0.00221)	0.02219
	Next 330,000	0.03457	(0.00221)	0.03236
	Over 600,000	0.00575	(0.00221)	0.00354
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.16981	(0.00221)	0.16760
	Next 15,000	0.12142	(0.00221)	0.11921
	Next 75,000	0.09472	(0.00221)	0.09251
	Next 165,000	0.07404	(0.00221)	0.07183
	Next 330,000	0.02932	(0.00221)	0.02711
	Over 600,000	0.00575	(0.00221)	0.00354
214	Interruptible Transportation Service			
	Monthly Charge	250.00		250.00
	Winter (NovMar.) per therm			
	First 15,000	0.24235	(0.00221)	0.24014
	Next 15,000	0.17660	(0.00221)	0.17439
	Next 75,000	0.12937	(0.00221)	0.12716
	Next 165,000	0.08192	(0.00221)	0.07971
	Next 330,000	0.03511	(0.00221)	0.03290
	Over 600,000	0.00575	(0.00221)	0.00354
	Summer (AprOct.) per therm		. ,	
	First 15,000	0.16970	(0.00221)	0.16749
	Next 15,000	0.12218	(0.00221)	0.11997
	Next 75,000	0.09346	(0.00221)	0.09125
	Next 165,000	0.07251	(0.00221)	0.07030
	Next 330,000	0.04948	(0.00221)	0.04727
	Over 600,000	0.00575	(0.00221)	0.00354
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^{*}The rates convert 1.26 therms to 1 GGE.

Schedule B

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. South Carolina Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation Docket No. 2006-401-G GCRM - 141

	Annualized Throughput (DT) per Docket 2014-7-G Settlement Approved on 10/15/2014, Order No. 2014-822	Cor	oposed mmodity per (DT)		<u>Total</u>
Sales	13,823,275	\$	2.00	\$	27,646,550
Transportation	5,725,036				
Total Throughput	19,548,311				
LAUF %	1.77%				
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	346,005	\$	2.00	\$	692,010
Total Throughput					19,548,311
Calculated Rate - LAUF					0.0354
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per DT Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per Them Current Sales Commodity Rate per Them Adjustment to Sales Commodity Rate	n			\$ \$ \$	2.03540 0.20354 0.33075 (0.12721)
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate Current Transportation Commodity Rate pe Adjustment to Transportation Commodity R	per Therm er Therm			\$ \$ \$	0.03540 0.00354 0.00575 (0.00221)
Current Benchmark Proposed Benchmark				\$ \$	3.25 2.00

Rates and Charges

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Residential

Residential Service - Value Rate 201

Monthly Charge Rate Per Therm

 November - March
 \$ 10.00
 November - March
 \$ 0.65252

 April - October
 \$ 8.00
 April - October
 \$ 0.61127

Residential Service - Standard Rate 221

Monthly Charge Rate Per Therm

 November - March
 \$ 10.00
 November - March
 \$ 0.72165

 April - October
 \$ 8.00
 April - October
 \$ 0.69830

Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205

Monthly Charge \$ 15.00

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Commercial

Small General Service - S	standard Rate 202				
Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm November - March		Ф 0.054 7 2	
		April - October		\$ 0.65173 \$ 0.63346	
Small General Service - V	/alue Rate 232				
Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm			
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 0.63084	
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.62281	
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 0.59109	
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.58221	
Medium General Service	- Standard Rate 252				
Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm			
		November - March		\$ 0.59493	
		April - October		\$ 0.57776	
Medium General Service	- Value Rate 262				
Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm			
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 0.57012	
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.55987	
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 0.53339	
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.52518	
Small General Service - N	Notor Fuel Rate 242				
Monthly Charge *	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm			Rate Per GGE **
		November - March		\$ 0.60053	0.75667 **
		April - October		\$ 0.65790	0.82895 **

^{*} The Monthly Charge for Rate 242 is not applicable to gas service provided at the Company's Premises.

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^{**} The Company may bill in units of Gasoline Gallon Equivalent ("GGE") for gas service provided at the Company's Premises under Rate 242. The rates above convert 1.26 Therms to 1 GGE.

SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203					
Large General Sales Service - Nate 205					
Monthly Charge			\$ 250.	00	
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usa	age)		\$ 1.035	35	
Rate Per Therm	-3-7				
	November - March		April - October		
	First 15,000	\$ 0.45877	First 15,000	\$	0.37374
	Next 15,000	\$ 0.39170	Next 15,000	\$	0.32569
	Next 75,000	\$ 0.34412	Next 75,000	\$	0.32732
	Next 165,000	\$ 0.28743	Next 165,000	\$	0.26886
	Next 330,000	\$ 0.23211	Next 330,000	\$	0.22711
	Over 600,000	\$ 0.20354	Over 600,000	\$	0.20354
nterruptible Sales Service - Rate 204					
terruptible Sales Service - Rate 204					
onthly Charge			\$ 250.	00	
ate Per Therm	Navanka M. I		Ail O-t-b		
	November - March		April - October	_	
	First 15,000	\$ 0.49508	First 15,000	\$	0.37171
	Next 15,000	\$ 0.41728	Next 15,000	\$	0.32866
	Next 75,000	\$ 0.37822	Next 75,000	\$	0.30613
	Next 165,000	\$ 0.42697	Next 165,000	\$	0.29896
	Next 330,000	\$ 0.27587	Next 330,000	\$	0.26344
	Over 600,000	\$ 0.24354	Over 600,000	\$	0.21354
arge General Transportation Service - Rate	213				
Ionthly Charge			\$ 250.	00	
emand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usa	age)		\$ 0.568	06	
tandby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak			\$ 0.467		
Rate Per Therm	,,		*		
	November - March		April - October		
	First 15,000	\$ 0.24077	First 15,000	\$	0.16760
	Next 15,000	\$ 0.17514	Next 15,000	\$	0.11921
	Next 75.000	\$ 0.12937	Next 75,000	\$	0.09251
	Next 165,000	\$ 0.02219	Next 165,000	\$	0.07183
	Next 330,000	\$ 0.03236	Next 330,000	\$	0.02711
	Over 600,000	\$ 0.00354	Over 600,000	\$	0.00354
nterruptible Transportation Service - Rate 2	<u>14</u>				
Monthly Charge			\$ 250.	20	
Rate Per Therm			ψ 250.	50	
ate i ei inelli	November - March		April - October		
		0.24014		œ.	0.16749
	First 15,000	\$	First 15,000	\$	
	Next 15,000	\$ 0.17439	Next 15,000	\$	0.11997
	Next 75,000	\$ 0.12716	Next 75,000	\$	0.09125
	Next 165,000	\$ 0.07971	Next 165,000	\$	0.07030
	Next 330,000	\$ 0.03290	Next 330,000	\$	0.04727
	Over 600,000	\$ 0.00354	Over 600,000	\$	0.00354

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Miscellaneous Fees And Charges

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$	1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$	2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Reconnect Fees			
February Through August September Through January	\$ \$	40.00 60.00	
Returned Check Charge			
Returned Check Charge	\$	25.00	

Governmental Taxes and Fees

Customers shall also pay all applicable taxes, fees and assessments levied by governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

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This the 13th day of February, 2015.

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